2015 Current Vaccine Updates

Tuesday, December 15th 12:10 – 1:00PM

This year's vaccine update will review current ACIP recommendations for influenza, Tdap, pneumococcal and meningococcal serogroup B vaccines. It will also provide an overview of the flu season to date including the pre-booking of state supplied influenza vaccine, the distribution of flu vaccine thus far, and coverage levels from the 2014-15 influenza season. In addition, we will give a snapshot of vaccine wastage reported to the state Immunization Program.

Participants will be able to:

- Understand current ACIP recommendations to address on-going vaccine issues
- Describe this year's flu vaccine distribution for Connecticut and in the U.S.
- Detail influenza vaccine coverage levels for Connecticut children 6 months through 17 years of age
- Determine which flu formulations are available for children in Connecticut
- Determine whether Connecticut's vaccine wastage falls within CDC guidelines

Speakers: William Atkinson, M.D., M.P.H. Director, Dr. William Atkinson is a former Medical Officer in the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Medicine with postgraduate training in Internal Medicine, adult Infectious Diseases, and Preventive Medicine and received a Master's Degree in Public Health from the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention he worked for 23 years in a variety of immunization- related activities including measles surveillance and outbreak control, the technical and training materials for vaccine providers, and the development of national immunization policy. From 1995 through 2012 he was the writer, producer and presenter for 125 national satellite broadcasts and webcasts on multiple vaccine-preventable disease topics. Dr. Atkinson retired from CDC in 2012 now serves as the Associate Director for Immunization Education for the Immunization Action Coalition, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Michael Bolduc, VFC (Vaccines for Children) Coordinator, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Immunization Program. Mick has been with the Connecticut Immunization Program for 25 years and is currently the Vaccines for Children Coordinator. Mr. Bolduc oversees the state's annual \$62 million vaccine budget. He and his staff are responsible for vaccine ordering, vaccine accountability and vaccine wastage. Mr. Bolduc frequently updates school personnel about new immunization requirements and participates in drafting new daycare, school and college vaccine requirements.

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